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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Official Action of May 31, 2006, a Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

Attachments:

Declaration and CV of Günther Michael